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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT PUBLISHED THIS MORNING, OCTOBER 27
ANNOUNCES ZAMBIA BROKE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL OCTOBER 26.
STATEMENT ASSERTS: ARAB COUNTRIES HAD "CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT
PEACEFUL AND JUST SOLUTION TO MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM" AND "COOPERATED
FULLY WITH UN SECRETARY GENERAL'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE,
AMBASSADOR JARRING." ZAMBIA "HAS EARNESTLY TRIED PLAY HER PART.
MOST REGRETTABLY THERE HAS BEEN NO POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ISRAEL
AND NET RESULT HAS BEEN CURRENT TRAGIC HOSTILITIES WHICH INEVITABLE
IN CIRCUMSTANCES." PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD WARNED "ISRAEL SHOULD NOT
ASSUME ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN WEAK. COURAGE WITH WHICH
ARAB COUNTRIES HAVE WAGED THEIR BATTLES IN PRESENT CONFLICT
CONFIRMS PRESIDENT'S VIEW." STATEMENT CONCLUDED: "ZAMBIA WILL
ALWAYS CONDEMN ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE."

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2. SAME STATEMENT ANNOUNCED ZAMBIA HAS ALSO BROKEN RELATIONS WITH

CHILE. "LIKE ALL PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES, ZAMBIA DEPLORES" DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILE SINCE COUP OF SEPTEMBER 11.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN PRESS TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S CONFIRMATION HIS COUNTRY HAD BROKEN RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. NIGERIA "WAS CONVINCED RECENT ACTION OF ISRAEL FORCES CROSSING WEST BANK OF SUEZ AND TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EARLY STAGES OF CEASEFIRE TO EXTEND AND CONSOLIDATE HOLD ON LARGE AREAS OF EGYPTIAN TERRITORY WAS NOT CONDUSIVE TO PROMOTION OF PEACEFUL AND JUST SETTLEMENT IN AREA. ISRAEL'S ACTION CONSTITUTED AMPLE EVIDENCE OF BAD FAITH."

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